

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

501 4th Avenue

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Website:
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Pastor's Email:
elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil
Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed -11 am
Confessions 30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment.

Rosary 30 minutes prior to any Holy
Mass

Finance Council: Colin Lynch,
Angelika Pace, and Wayne Warner.

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ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH
SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

Parish Office: 250-425-2327

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Mass Times

Saturday - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Lilac Terrace

Friday - 11:00 AM

Mass at Lilac Terrace

The Holy

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before
Mass.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment.

ST. BERNARD'S MISSION
ELKFORD, BC

800 Natal Road

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

C/O St. Michaels Parish

Parish Office: 250 -425-2327

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's email:
elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Mass Service

Sunday - 1:30 PM

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before
Mass.

Confessions after Mass or by
appointment.

Fernie Office Hours

Tuesdays to Fridays

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

June 28, 2026.

The God-Given Gifts of Rest: Dear Friends,

In the rhythm of our busy lives, it is easy to forget that rest is not a luxury—it is a command, a blessing, and a spiritual necessity. From the very beginning of Scripture, God models this truth for us. After six days of creation, God rested on the seventh day. Not because He was weary, but because He was establishing a pattern for His people: work has its place, but so does rest. Free time and vacation are not signs of weakness or lack of commitment; they are expressions of obedience and trust.

When we step away from our routines, we acknowledge that the world continues to turn even when we pause. Rest reminds us that God—not our effort—is the true sustainer of our lives. Jesus Himself often withdrew to quiet places to pray, reflect, and

renew His strength. If the Son of God made space for rest, how much more should we

Many of us carry heavy responsibilities—family, work, ministry, and community. These are good and holy callings, but even good work can drain us when we never stop to breathe. Vacation offers us the chance to reconnect with God, with loved ones, and with our own souls.

Free time allows us to rediscover joy, creativity, and gratitude. It softens our hearts and restores our perspective.

Rest also strengthens our service. A rested heart loves more freely. A rested mind listens more clearly. A rested spirit worships more deeply.

When we return from time away—whether it’s a weeklong vacation or a quiet afternoon walk—we come back renewed,

refreshed, and ready to serve with greater compassion and energy.

So, I encourage you: take the time God is offering you. Step away without guilt. Enjoy the beauty of creation, the laughter of family, the stillness of quiet moments. Let your soul breathe. Let your body recover. Let your heart be filled again.

May your times of rest be holy moments where God meets you gently and reminds you of His love. And may you return strengthened, renewed, and overflowing with peace. Grace and rest to you all.

I will spent two days of prayers in Lourdes with my family, and will offer Holy Mass. I will keep all of you in my prayers during my pilgrimage. **Fr. Thomas**

Information Holy Family Fernie & Sparwood

Welcome to

Deacon Peter D’Aoust
Mass June 27 & 28

1. When we scheduled Sunday Mass time, there were so many requests

from Sparwood to have it later than 9 am to accommodate people who have different



medications, and Fernie had the requests to have an earlier Mass to accommodate skiers. Due to some practical problems, I was not ready to accept them.

If there are many who still want a change of time for Sunday Mass or swap the Sunday Mass time between Sparwood and Fernie, I am ready to do it after three months. I would like to get your suggestions. Send your suggestions to the parish offices as early as possible. Decision and action on this

matter will be depending on your positive suggestions in both parishes.

The proposed Sunday Mass time for Fernie will be 9. 30 am and Sparwood at 11.30 am.

2. All the three parishes are trying their best to reach their Pilgrimage goal. Remember, we need to complete it at least by the beginning of December 2026, if possible.

3. We are planning the replacement of the lower hallway floor in the family centre.

Approximate expenses, will be almost \$24,500/=. If we are able to exceed the Pilgrimage of Faith Goal, that money will be used for this repair. So, the Diocesan Goal is \$16,500/= and the Family Parish Goal is \$24,500/= **Total \$ 41,000/= to be collected within December 31, 2026, if possible.** We will

begin this project in the month of August 2026.

4. I am going for my holidays from June 22, Monday, and will be back to work on August 13, Thursday. Fr. Marion Korzenioski will not be available for



replacement.

5. I have already consecrated extra hosts for all the churches.



Fernie church has 300 hosts. Eucharistic ministers are

requested to monitor the number of consecrated hosts for your use.

5. Replacement Priests Schedule

Deacon Peter D'Aoust

Will stay in the Rectory and do the communion service.

June 27 & 28.

Fr. Wayne Pfliger

Will stay in the rectory and will offer Mass.

He would offer weekday mass in Sparwood, but no care home mass.

July 4 & 5

July 11 & 12

Deacon Peter D'Aoust

Will stay in the rectory and do communion.

July 18 & 19

July 25 & 26

Fr. Julian Studden

Will stay in the Rectory and will do the weekday Mass from 3 to 7.

August 1 & 2

August 8 & 9.

No care home Mass.



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

June 21, 2026

Actual: \$1,222.77

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+\$72.77)

Total Contributions YTD

\$36,710.31

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Pre-Authorized Giving Form

[POF 2026 Appeal Brochure Fillable.pdf](#)



Total Contributions YTD 2026

As per May 31, 2026

\$6,154.12

POF Goal \$16, 500.00

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Church Cleaners

June 22, 2026, to July 6, 2026

Regina Vinge & Volunteer